

Pennsylvania's State Assessment System

Proposed Transition
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Proposed Transition

- Please note that the proposed transition is contingent upon approval from the United States Department of Education, approval of new state Chapter 4 Regulations, and funding to support all testing activities.





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2012-13

- Grades 3-8 Mathematics and Reading PSSA
- Grade 12 PSSA retest in October
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics and Reading PASA
- Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA
- Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
- Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA
- No PSSA-M
- Grades 3-5 Stand-alone Writing Field Test
- Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I, Literature, Biology

2012-13

- Grades 3-8
Mathematics
and Reading
PSSA
- Based on current
Assessment Anchor
Content Standards
 - Not the PA Common
Core standards
- Grades 3-5 embedded
field test items aligned to
PA Common Core
Standards
- Offered on-line and
paper/pencil

Computer requirements are the same as for CDTs



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2012-13

- Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA
- Based on current Assessment Anchor Content Standards
 - Not the PA Common Core ELA standards
- Offered on-line and paper/pencil



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2012-13

- Grades 4 & 8
Science
PSSA
- Based on current
Assessment Anchor
Content Standards
- Offered on-line and
paper/pencil



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2012-13

- Grades 3-5
Stand-alone
Writing Field
Test
- Offered paper/pencil only
- Results will be used to
implement a writing
component into the
proposed Grades 3-5
English Language Arts
(ELA) assessment.

Field test is NOT mandatory, but highly recommended as results will be used to develop cut scores, etc...

2012-13

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- Keystone Exams will be used for two purposes:
 - Proposed state requirement that the class of 2017 and beyond demonstrate proficiency for the purpose of graduation
 - Accountability as per No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
 - Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)



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2017-current 8th graders (three exams: algebra I, biology, English literature)
ALL 11th graders will need to take three Keystones this year for AYP purposes, NOT graduation requirement
PDE is requesting highest score to count for AYP



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2012-13 Keystone Exams

- Accountability (Federal requirement)
 - All 11th grade students must take all three Keystone Exams*
 - All non-11th grade students completing a Keystone related course must take the appropriate Keystone Exam
 - Only 11th grade results will be used to calculate AYP
 - Non-11th grade students' results will be banked until they're in 11th grade



2012-13 Keystone Exams

- If an 11th grade student took a Keystone Exam in 2011 as a 9th grade student and scored Advanced or Proficient, the results of that Keystone will be used for purposes of accountability.
- A student who did not score Advanced or Proficient as a 9th grade student in 2011 should retest as an 11th grade student in 2012-13.



2012-13 Keystone Exams

- **Graduation (State requirement)**
 - The 8th grade class in 2012-13 is the first class that will be required to demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I, Literature, and Biology Keystone Exams to graduate (class of 2017).



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- Testing Windows
 - Dec. ~~10~~ 3-14, 2012*
 - Jan. 9- ~~16~~ 23, 2013*
 - May 13-24, 2013
 - July 29-Aug. 2, 2013
- PDE plans to apply for new Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO)
 - Currently 89% for math and 91% for reading

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- PDE Recommendation
 - All students not taking a Keystone related course take the Keystone Exams in the winter window – Waves 1 and 2.

ALL students who are NOT in a Keystone course (eg. 10th graders who had biology in 9th grade or 9th/10th graders who had algebra in 8th or 9th) are recommended to take Keystone in winter wave with 11th grade-scores will be banked for those students til 11th for AYP and allows time to provide remediation and retesting prior to 11th. Also keeps exam closer to time students took course.

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- All 11th grade students take all three Keystones from Dec. 3-14 (Wave 1)
- OR
- All 11th grade students take all three Keystones from Jan 9-23 (Wave 2)
- OR



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2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- All 11th grade students take the Algebra I and Literature Keystones from Dec. 3-14 and take the Biology Keystone from Jan. 9-23
- OR
- All 11th grade students take the Algebra I Keystone from Dec. 3-14 and take the Literature and Biology Keystones from Jan. 9-23
- OR

2012-13 Assessment Schedule

- Any combination where all 11th grade students not taking a Keystone related course complete all three Keystone Exams during the winter window's two waves.

District decision-may split windows but not exams (i.e. can't do module 1 of an exam in wave 1 and module 2 in wave 2)

If students are not proficient on winter wave of exams, district could have students retake with May window after some remediation, BUT these assessments would have to be online since the winter results will not be back in time to meet enrollment window deadlines for spring testing (we would need to account for numbers in enrollment though)



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2012-13 Keystone Schedule

Date	Activity	Explanation
August 15-16, 2012	Technology Coordinator Training	Training for CDTs and keystones
September 6-7, 2012	Enrollment/Materials Training	Winter Keystones
September 10-14, 2012	Enrollment Window	Numbers only submitted to DRC for Wave, Mode, Subject, & Accommodation
October 2-4, 2012	Test Set-up Training	Winter Keystones
October 8-19, 2012	Test Set-up Window	Districts can enter student information into eDirect
October 10 – 11, 2012	Enrollment/Materials Training	Spring Keystone
October 15-26	Enrollment Window	Numbers only submitted to DRC for Spring Keystone
November 5-8, 2012	Keystone Administration Training	Winter Keystones (PaTTAN)

These will be webinars and will be archived

ESSENTIAL to "attend" and follow timelines and requirements closely

IF timelines not followed, will result in precode labels not being available, etc...

Who will attend each? Need to identify responsible individuals to ensure no oversights



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2012-13 Assessment Schedule

ASSESSMENT	DATES
12 th Grade PSSA Retest	October 22 – November 2, 2012
Winter Wave 1 Keystone Window	December 3-14, 2012*
Winter Wave 2 Keystone Window	January 9-23, 2013*
Grades 3-5 Writing Field Test	February 4-15, 2013
Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA	March 11-15, 2013
Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA Make-Ups	March 18-22, 2013
Grades 3-8 Math & Reading PSSA	April 8-19, 2013
Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA	April 22-26, 2013
Math, Reading & Science Make-Ups	April 29-May 3, 2013
Spring Keystone Window	May 13-24, 2013
Summer Keystone Window	July 29-August 2, 2013



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2012-13 Assessment

- What's new
 - No 11th grade PSSA
 - *Keystones*
 - No PSSA-M
 - On-line available
 - Grades 3-5 writing field test
- What's the same
 - 12th grade PSSA retest
 - Grades 3-8 Math & Reading PSSA
 - Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
 - Grades 5 & 8 Writing PSSA
 - Grades 3-8 & 11 Math & Reading PASA
 - Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA

2013-14

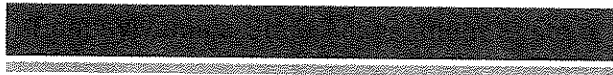
- Grades 3-5 English Language Arts PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 3-5 Mathematics PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 6-8 Mathematics and Reading PSSA
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics & Reading PASA
- Grade 8 Writing PSSA
- Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
- Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA
- Grades 6-8 Stand-alone Writing Field Test
- Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I, Literature, Biology
 - Composition Field Test

Do we have our 2011 Keystone student data archived?

All 11th graders who have NOT taken the three Keystones will have to take them in 11th during this year; all other scores will be banked

2013-14

- Grades 3-5
English
Language
Arts PSSA
 - Based on Assessment Anchor
Content Standards aligned to PA
Common Core Standards
 - Includes a writing component
 - An area not previously
assessed at grades 3 & 4
 - Offered on-line & paper/pencil
 - PDE plans to apply for a new
AMO



2013-14

- Grades 3-5
Mathematics
PSSA

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Anchor Content
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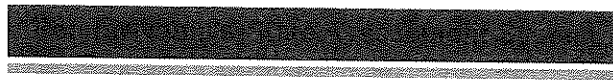


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2013-14

- Grades 6-8
Mathematics
and Reading
PSSA

- Based on current
Assessment Anchor
Content Standards
 - Not the PA Common Core
Standards
- Embedded field test items
aligned to PA Common
Core
- Offered on-line and
paper/pencil



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2013-14

- Grade 8
Writing
PSSA

- Based on current
Assessment Anchor
Content Standards
- Offered on-line and
paper/pencil



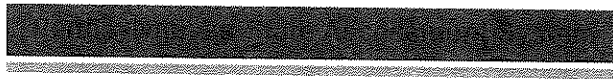


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2013-14

• Grades 4 & 8
Science
PSSA

- Based on current
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2013-14

- Grades 6-8
Stand-alone
Writing Field
Test

- Offered paper/pencil only
- Results will be used to implement a writing component into the proposed Grades 6-8 English Language Arts (ELA) assessment.





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2013-14

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 - Details pending



2013-14 Keystone Exams

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2013-14 Assessment Schedule

Assessment	Date
Winter Wave 1 Keystone	December 2013
Winter Wave 2 Keystone	January 2014
Grades 6-8 Writing Field Test	February 2014
Grades 3-5 English Language Arts	March 17-21, 2014
Grades 6-8 Math/Reading PSSA	March 17-28, 2014
Grades 3-5 Math PSSA	March 24-28, 2014
Grades 3-5 ELA & Math Make-up	March 31-April 4, 2014
Grades 6-8 Math/Reading Make-up	
Grade 8 Writing PSSA	
Grade 8 Writing Make-up	April 7-11, 2014
Easter	April 20, 2014
Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA	April 28, 2014
Grades 4 & 8 Science make-up	May 2-9, 2014
Keystone Spring Window	May 2014

2014-15

- Grades 3-8 English Language Arts PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 3-8 Mathematics PSSA (PA CC)
- Grades 3-8 & 11 Mathematics & Reading PASA
- Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
- Grades 4, 8 & 11 Science PASA
- Keystone Exams
 - Algebra I, Literature, Biology, Composition
 - Civics & Government Field Test

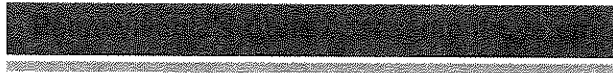


2014-15

- Grades 3-8
English
Language
Arts PSSA

- Based on Assessment Anchor Content Standards aligned to PA Common Core Standards
 - Includes a writing component
 - An area not previously assessed at grades 6 & 7
- Offered on-line & paper/pencil
- PDE plans to apply for a new AMO for grades 6-8.





2014-15

- **Grades 3-8
Mathematics
PSSA**

- Based on Assessment
Anchor Content
Standards aligned to PA
Common Core
Standards
- Offered on-line &
paper/pencil
- PDE plans to apply for a
new AMO for grades 6-8.





2014-15

- Based on current Assessment Anchor Content Standards
- Grades 4 & 8 Science PSSA
- Offered on-line and paper/pencil



2014-15

**THE
KEYSTONE
EXAMS**

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Class of 2019 (current 6th graders) will need to be proficient/advanced on four Keystones for graduation (algebra 1, biology, literature and composition)
Class of 2020 (current 5th graders) will need to be proficient/advanced on five Keystones for graduation (algebra 1, biology, literature, composition and civics and government)
3 for AYP (algebra 1, biology, literature)

2014-15 Keystone Exams

- **Accountability (Federal requirement)**
 - All 11th grade students who have not taken the Keystone Exams must take the Keystone Exams
 - 2013-14 10th grade students' banked scores
 - Students who were not proficient may retest
 - 2012-13 9th grade students' banked scores
 - Students who were not proficient may retest
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For more information on these
topics please visit
www.education.state.pa.us or
www.pdesas.org

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into an inspired, productive, fulfilled lifelong learner.*

FAQ

- Full list of FAQ's will be posted on PDE site (on site click on "programs," "O-R," "PSSA")
- Senior/culminating project will be eliminated with the class of 2017 IF changes to Chapter 4 regulations are approved
- PIMS and eMetric will keep track of student data (especially helpful with move-ins/outs)
- If student moves and took Keystone in prior school district , the score counts for AYP for NEW school district
- Suggested communication: will be administering keystones and all 11th graders will participate
- If low performing student doesn't take a Keystone course until senior year, they would still be required to take Keystone in 11th even though they haven't had the course (NCLB/AYP requirement)
- Middle school scores will be banked and counted for HS AYP when students are in 11th grade
- Timeline for Federal approval? NO TIMETABLE KNOWN
- AYP only counts for students when they are in 11th grade (whether they are taking the assessment in 11th, retaking or had a banked score). For example, if a student takes a Keystone in 9th grade, that score doesn't count for the HS AYP the year that student is in 9th grade, but will when they are 11th graders.
- Benefit of testing 9th and 10th graders who already had Keystone related courses

(NOT those currently in Keystone courses):

- Lighten May assessment load
- Allows time for remediation
- Grandfathering of students (those who took the field test) ONLY counts for graduation purposes, NOT AYP
- 2013-2016 graduating classes: remediation not required, but recommended (also referred to as supplemental instruction)
- Results:
 - March (for winter testing)
 - June (for spring testing)
- Project-based assessment information should be coming the end of summer (2012)
- Testing time: all untimed, but average is 90 minutes/module (2 modules per test)
- IF using online assessment, must built in time for students to complete online tutorial
- CDT's are diagnostic tools NOT predictive
- AP testing and/or locally validated tests only can be used to replace Keystones for graduation requirements, NOT AYP (so students must take Keystones)
- PDE is recommending that the "teacher of record" for a Keystone course, NOT administer the associated Keystone exam
- Special Education Students: IEP dictates testing for graduation requirements but NOT AYP requirements (i.e. All must take Keystones)
- Writing field test is approximately 1.5 hours

